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1. [REDACTED] on 1 December [REDACTED] all SSV cars (heavy-duty flatcars with a load capacity of more than thirty tons) were to be reported at once for dispatch to an undetermined destination.

2. Railroad shipments which arrived in the Russian Zone from Brest-Litovsk and were bound for Jessen included the following equipment:

17 November	16 guns, approximately 100 mm
26 November	40 guns, above 76.2 mm
3 December	40 guns, approximately 100 mm [REDACTED]
4 December	95 AA guns, about 50 mm [REDACTED]
5 December	8 AA guns, 37 mm.

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3. Three trains carrying a total of from 90 to 100 artillery pieces, approximately 150 mm, were observed on the Cottbus-Calau railroad line during the night of 30 November 1950.

4. West-bound shipments of personnel which passed through Küstrin included 25 boxcars on 28 November and 21 boxcars on 1 December.

5. Approximately 150 officers, some wearing artillery insignia and some airforce uniforms, arrived daily in the Soviet Zone aboard leave trains from the USSR during the period from 3 to 9 December 1950.

Comment: The weapons listed in paragraphs 2 and 3 may be intended for use as follows:

- For reequipment of Soviet units with modern weapons, possibly including the replacement of 57 mm and 76 mm guns by 85 mm or 100 mm anti-tank guns.
- For the activation of a Soviet artillery unit for which weapons and personnel were shipped to the Russian Zone separately.
- As a step-up in the issuance of Soviet artillery pieces to the Volkspolizei.

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